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FOR SECRETARY DAVIS FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUB: MORE "ATMOSPHERICS" ON DAVIS VISIT

1. THE FOLLOWING CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE DURING A RECEPTION PRIOR TO AN OFFICIAL DINNER ON 2ND JULY HELD AT THE STATE HOUSE GIVEN BY COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LT. COL. KWAME BAAH IN HONOR OF FRG FOREIGN MINISTER, HANS DIETRICH GENSCHER.

2. COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING, LT. COL. R.J.A. FELLI GREETED ME. I SAID IT HAD BEEN SOME TIME SINCE I HAD SEEN HIM, AND HOPED THAT HE AND HIS WIFE WERE PLANNING TO ATTEND OUR 4TH OF JULY RECEPTION AT THE RESIDENCE. HE LOOKED AT ME VERY DIRECTLY AND SAID "NO, WE WILL NOT ATTEND." I SAID, "OH, DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT?" FELLI REPLIED, "NO". I WAS QUITE SURPRISED AND URGE HIM TO GIVE ME A REASON. HE SAID IT WAS TOO NOISY AND HE WOULD TELL ME ANOTHER TIME. I SMILED AND STARTED TO WALK AWAY. HE CAUGHT ME BY THE ARM AND SAID, "COME WITH ME, I WILL TELL YOU." WE WALKED TO A NEARBY CORRIDOR WHICH WAS QUIET AND HE MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "BECAUSE OF THE NATHANIEL DAVIS AFFAIR, THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS AND I TOOK AN UNWRITTEN VOW TO NOT ATTEND ANY FUNCTION GIVEN BY YOU OR YOUR COUNTRY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS."

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3. HE CONTINUED OVER MY PROTEST: "WE WERE 'MANHANDLED'

IN ORDER FOR DAVIS TO SEE THE CHAIRMAN," AND ADDED,
"IF BAAH HAD BEEN HERE THINGS MIGHT HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT."

4. FELLI FINALLY SAID THAT HE AND HIS WIFE WOULD ATTEND
OUR U.S. RECEPTION.

5. FELLI DID ATTEND AS PROMISED TOGETHER WITH THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL, COMMISSIONER AFERI (LOCAL GOVERNMENT), AND
MAJOR GENERAL OKAI (CHIEF OF DEFENSE STAFF). GENERAL OKAI
TOASTED THE UNITED STATES AT A BRIEF CEREMONY TOWARD THE
END OF THE RECEPTION.

6. GENERAL OKAI ASKED ME WHETHER I HAD "TALKED" TO COL. FELLI.
WHEN I RESPONDED THAT I HAD, HE SAID "THAT'S GOOD." WE SHALL
SEE.

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